



## Governor's Commission on Service & Volunteerism

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### 2009 Maryland AmeriCorps\*State Formula Funding CALL FOR PEER REVIEWERS

#### Description

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism (the Commission) seeks qualified volunteers to serve on a grant proposal review panel. The panel will review applications submitted in response to a *Notice of Funding Availability* and *Request for Proposals* for assistance to plan or implement an AmeriCorps program utilizing FY 2009 AmeriCorps\*State formula funding.

The Commission is committed to ensuring a standardized, fair, and open process for awarding grants. A combination of internal and external grant reviewers will evaluate the extent to which submitted proposals describe program designs that are reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with state and federal legislative requirements. Review panel ratings and recommendations will assist the Commission in making final funding decisions.

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs that engage more than 75,000 Americans each year in intensive full-time and part-time service commitments in exchange for a modest living stipend and an educational benefit. AmeriCorps members serve through more than 2,100 nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based organizations. They tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, and help communities respond to disasters.

#### Qualifications

The Commission seeks individuals possessing expertise and experience in the implementation of programming aimed at addressing critical individual and community needs in the areas of education, public safety, human needs, the environment, and disaster preparedness and response. Qualified individuals who represent faith based and community organizations, state and local governments, primary and higher educational institutions, and nonprofit human and environmental services agencies, as well as qualified representatives of organizations interested in applying for future AmeriCorps funding are encouraged to participate.

#### Commitment

1. **Attend** a conference call orientation to the peer review process.
2. **Review** 3-4 proposals, each roughly 40 pages in length (approx. 45 min/proposal).
3. **Score** proposals prior to the review day.
4. **Convene** to discuss proposals with other reviewers.

#### Contact

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### 2009 Maryland AmeriCorps\*State Formula Funding PEER REVIEW PANELIST QUESTIONNAIRE

Please submit this form, along with a current resume to: [tgarcia@gosv.state.md.us](mailto:tgarcia@gosv.state.md.us) by May 18, 2009.  
To obtain an electronic version of the form, contact Teresa Garcia by email or phone: 410-767-6338.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (include city and zip code): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the issue area(s) that best fit your background, interests, and expertise\*:

\_\_\_\_ Education      \_\_\_\_ Environment      \_\_\_\_ Human Needs  
\_\_\_\_ Public Safety      \_\_\_\_ Public Health      \_\_\_\_ Disaster Response

*\*Peer reviewers may be assigned proposals from issue areas other than those selected.*

Please describe qualifications/ affiliations you possess relevant to the issue area(s) selected.

Please describe background/ experiences with national service projects or participants, including AmeriCorps, VISTA, Senior Corps, and Learn & Serve America.

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#### SCHEDULE OF PEER REVIEW PANEL ACTIVITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Activity</u>
May 20		Notification of selected panelists
May 22	1 hr.	Review panel orientation conference call
June 1 – 9	4 – 6 hrs.	Reviewer appraisals of funding proposals
June 10	4 hrs.	Review panel consensus meeting (location TBD)

